GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2382
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CELLULAR MOBILE TELEPHONE SERVICE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of private cellular telephone companies providing cellular mobile telephone services in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The fourth operator for Cellular Mobile Telephone Service is proposed to be inducted in all the service areas in the country in terms of the New Telecom Policy-1999 (NTP-99) and Migration Package offered to existing licensees.A recommendation of TRAI was sought in the matter. TRAI have supported the proposal of DOT for entry of fourth operator in 1800 MHz band.